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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL  
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ART UNIT 1656

PATENT

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Applicant: Sidransky and Baylin      Art Unit: 1656  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2001 (Paper No. 8), which has been made final, reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks and the evidence submitted herewith is respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, October 10, 2001, in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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